Parliament as well as chambers of commerce; for example, FICCI—they have all said that we should not allow any foreign airlines into the domestic sector. That representation we have received. I have placed this before the Cabinet.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: The answer is also over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Funds for Tourism Development in Gujarat

*142. SHRI ANANTRAY DEV SHANKAR DAVE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Gujarat has prepared a master plan for the infrastructural development of Kutch district for promotion of tourism in the area; and

(b) if so, funds provided by the Central Government during the years 1995-96, 1996-97 and proposed for 1997-98?

THE MINISTER FOR PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) The Government of Gujarat has prepared a master plan and an Area Development Plan for tourism in the State which has identified Kutch as one of the areas of infrastructural development.

(b) During 1995-96, Rs. 7.98 lakhs was sanctioned to Government of Gujarat. In 1996-97, 8 projects worth Rs. 91.08 lakhs have been identified in consultation with the State Government. Proposals for 1997-98 have not yet been finalised.

Fera violations registered/detected against Private Sector Companies

*143. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of private sector companies against whom cases for FERA violations have been registered/detected since July, 1996 alongwith the amount involved in each case and what is the status of those cases;

(b) whether Government are aware of the strong resentment of the business community about indiscriminate invoking of FERA, most of whose provisions have become outdated; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to amend the FERA and if so, when and the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: (a) The Enforcement Directorate have registered 198 cases against private sector companies since July, 1996. Names of some of the major cases are as under:—

1. M/s. ITC Ltd.
2. M/s. Shaw Wallace & Co.
3. M/s. MVR Group of Companies.
4. M/s. Dipper Investments Ltd.
5. M/s. Kiron Group of Companies.

Enforcement Directorate has undertaken investigations in these cases. Amount involved in each of the case cannot be assessed at this stage.

(b) Action against FERA violators is taken in conformity with the provisions of the statute.

(c) Major changes in Foreign Exchange Regulation Act, 1973 (FERA) were carried out vide Foreign Exchange Regulation (Amendment) Act, 1993 (29 of 1993). However, a comprehensive review of FERA is currently being undertaken.

लोधी होटल, दिल्ली का विस्तार एवं उसमें सुधार

*147. श्री सोमपाल: क्या पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या दिल्ली स्थित लोधी होटल का विस्तार एवं सुधार करने की सरकार की कोई योजना है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के कुछ होटलों को निजी क्षेत्र को देने का विचार रखती है; और यदि हां, तो सरकार ने इस संबंध में अब तक क्या